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 US POLICY

1. PRESIDENT PEREZ SUMMONED ME THIS EVENING (MAY 23)

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TO INFORM ME OF THE FOLLOWING WHICH HE SAID HE WAS
 PASSING TO ME IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE (PLEASE PROTECT):
 HE SAID PRESIDENT VIDELA HAD SENT HIM A PERSONAL
 EMISSARY, AN ARGENTINE GENERAL (HE DID NOT USE THE
 ARGENTINE EMBASSY, WHO TOLD HIM THAT ABOUT A WEEK AGO
 URUGUAY SUGGESTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF CHIEFS OF STATE
 OF BRAZIL, URUGUAY, ARGENTINA, PARAGUAY, BOLIVIA AND CHILE
 MEET TO CONSIDER WHAT ACTION TO TAKE IN FACE OF PRESIDENT
 CARTER'S POLICIES TOWARD LATIN AMERICA ESPECIALLY ON HUMAN
 RIGHTS. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A MEETING (HE DID NOT KNOW WHO
 WAS IN ATTENDANCE) IN BRAZIL FRIDAY, MAY 20, WHICH
 DECIDED TO CALL FOR A MEETING OF THE CHIEFS OF STATE OF THESE
 COUNTRIES. PEREZ UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ANIMUS OF THE MEETING
 WOULD BE ANTI-US. PRESIDENT VIDELA, THROUGH HIS EMISSARY,
 INFORMED PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT HE (VIDELA) TOOK THE POSITION
 THAT OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE SHOULD ALSO BE INVITED, NOTABLY
 OF COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA AND PERU, AND THAT THE
 OBJECTIVE BE TO MERELY REAFFIRM NON-INTERVENTION
 AS A PRINCIPLE OF HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS.

2. PRESIDENT PEREZ SAID HE INTERPRETS VIDELA'S
 DISPATCH OF THIS INFORMATION CONFIDENTIALLY TO
 HIM (AND SEPARATELY TO MORALES BERMUDEZ IN PERU) AS A BID BY

Department of State, A/GIS/IPS/SRP

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VIDELA FOR SOME SUPPORT IN MODERATING THIS INITIATIVE. PRESIDENT PEREZ SAID HE WAS GOING TO SUMMON THE ARGENTINE EMISSARY THIS EVENING TO TELL HIM TO SAY TO PRESIDENT VIDELA THAT HE (PEREZ) THOUGHT THAT VIDELA SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH THE LIKES OF BRAZIL AND CHILE IN SUCH A "MANIOBRA". HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO PASS THE SAME MESSAGE TO BANZER IN BOLIVIA AND TO MORALES BERMUDEZ IN PERU. HE WAS SURE THAT LOPEZ IN COLOMBIA WOULD SHARE HIS VIEWS.

3. PRESIDENT PEREZ SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THIS WAS A BRAZILIAN GAMBIT("MANIOBRA"), AND THAT BRAZIL MERELY INDUCED URUGUAY TO APPEAR AS THE INITIATOR.

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HE SAID PERHAPS BRAZIL FEARED THAT SOME SORT OF "INTERVENTION" BY THE DEMOCRACIES WAS BEING CONTEMPLATED. IN ANY EVENT, HE WANTED TO LET US KNOW OF THIS DEVELOPMENT ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.

4. I THANKED HIM FOR THIS INFORMATION AND SAID I WOULD RELAY IT TO WASHINGTON.

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